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Dick (AR),

Ulet 28 (best time months!), Glad to know you got pix. Alyea frame enclosed. Please return when you've finished with it. ...Rich, check. I also wrote him to send you copy. And to consult you...Powers: interesting but really not likely anyone could have considered claiming a Nationalist Chinese U-2 had developed so enormous a range. A physical impossibility...Powers "confession" seems to have admitted what they knew and little more, enough to get him treated like a legit hero. I think the Russians were not up tight about him personally and extracted a rather good deal, for the US had little to gain by Powers' return, save face, and they had regained enough of that....I think it is possible that the explosion made it impossible for him to blow the thing up, and it is also likely he had no instructions to kill himself. not with the mission he had, which was to blow the summit, whether or not he knew it. For the rest, consider the political perspective(s) of those you cite. To such, would he not be an authentic hero? I think you make this needlessly complicated. To date I've seen no reason to change what I roughed out in 1965. But I'd welcome anything, just the same. Scrapping: had to be because the world was up tight n and we knew the Russians could shoot them down. Besides, this is an act of war. ...Now that book and the non-necessity does interest me...I really go further on the planned downing and say it is irrelevant, better if it happened but not necessary because we alone could have done it and it was an flagrant act of war on the eve of a conference to cool it. No major power could take that... Perhaps you are right (I think not) on the possibility of cooperations between the intelligences, but it would more likely be the military on the other side.

WerBel: interested in picture, but not to the extent of any trouble, for it is irrelevant whether that is Matthews face.

Minuteman: you are right, it is Jones and that is his paper. I'd like to read and, if remaindered anywhere, have a copy to keep.

What you suggest about Z is first, not now possible an. second, already apsse. Can't go into now. But I cannot mail it. And I already have a strip for slides, not as clear, but real 35mm.

Scopes: I didn't know the phrase "eye relief", but this is what I was talking about. I had to take the M-C back to have it moved....Clip: remember, I have two, and they are different. What is true of one is not of the other. However, I'd presume the reasonableness of what you say. It has to be too wide at some point or it has to fall out. The chances of that point being the extreme end are negligible...If Four Days in November is the Italian film, I didn't see and two young friends are tracing. I once had good friends at dist., but they have gone back to Italy. I'll see these friends again and get them to try again. There is very clear footage in it, they say...If you can get anybody to clobber Joel Palmer, who falsely claims to have mislaid the Alyea film, you'll have the finding of the rifle. Only Alyea can have it, for he alone was there, remember? Or, had they let others in by then? Palmer is back in the L.A. area. Of course, if you want to file under M 5 USC 552, you can get it from Justice. But, with the recent pressures, why not write and ask if Arch has it. If they say no, why not go over this part PW and write Kleindienst and ask that he transfer it, under Clark order?...DJ has until Sat to answer my Sepctro suit. If they do not, I'll keep you posted.

Hastily,